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SUBJ: REQUEST TO FOREIGN PRIVATE COMPANIES FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

REF: STATE 114551

1. DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS IN ABIDJAN INFORMED AMBASSADOR ON JULY 18 THAT PHILIPPE YACE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY IN IVORY COAST (PDCI), WAS ASKING FOREIGN AIRLINES, SHIPPING LINES, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL CORPORATIONS IN IVORY COAST TO CONTRIBUTE THE VALUE OF FIVE MERCEDES AUTOMOBILES TO THE PDCI AS THEIR "CONTRIBUTION" TO THIS YEAR'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

2. PANAM REP WAS TOLD THIS BY CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF FOREIGN AIRLINES IN IVORY COAST (THE SAS REPRESENTATIVE), WHO IS CONVENING BOARD MEETING ON MORNING ON JULY 22 TO DISCUSS IT. PANAM REP TOLD SAS REP THAT HIS COMPANY HAD NO INTENTION OF MAKING SUCH A POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT PUBLICITY AND CURRENT INQUIRIES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND PANAM POLICY THAT SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD CLEARLY BE ILLEGAL UNDER U.S. LAW.

3. AMBASSADOR GAVE COPY OF DEPARTMENT'S PRESS STATEMENT ON "BRIBERY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS BY U.S. COMPANIES", (REFTEL) TO
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PANAM REP. TO SUPPORT LATTER'S CASE FOR NOT RPT NOT CONTRIBUTING.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THIS SITUATION, IN PARTICULAR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON DEPARTMENTAL MECHANISM AND GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY AND FOR SHARING THE POLICY STATEMENT WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, BOTH DC'S AND LDC'S.
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